

NALLD BUSINESS

FOURTH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

25 March 1968, Houston, Texas. The meeting was held in conjunction with DAVI and was very well attended. The speakers were Dr. Rebecca Valette, Dr. Harry Regenstreif, and Dr. Joseph C. Hutchison

Mr. Patrick Boyden, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and Dr. William Smithers, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana were named assistant editors of the NALLD Newsletter.

The following resolutions were drafted and passed by the members at the Meeting:

1. The National Association of Language Laboratory Directors urges all publishers of foreign language textbooks who make the investment to produce accompanying tape recordings to consider it their obligation also to provide accurate timing analysis of each exercise, as well as explicit tape scripts for those exercises which may deviate from the textbook itself. All such publishers should be cognizant of the fact that although economic expediency might make it tempting to place tapes on the market for which timing analysis and supplementary scripts are not available, the eventual field use of these programs will prove frustrating, inadequate, and detrimental to the integrated course which any progressive foreign language text should offer.
2. The National Association of Language Laboratory Directors further asks all such publishers or tape producers to make available custom duplicating in a variety of track configurations, backing materials and speeds, at a nominal extra cost to permit consumer use on an optimally convenient basis.
3. The National Association of Language Laboratory Directors urges educational agencies in schools, colleges, and government that are planning the purchase of Machine Aided Learning equipment or materials to seek independent, pedagogically competent, professional counsel well in advance of such purchase.
4. The National Association of Language Laboratory Directors urges all manufacturers, distributors and dealers of Machine Aided Learning equipment to furnish their customers with complete technical data—correlated mechanical, electrical and electronic parts lists, drawings and schematics. These manufacturers, distributors and dealers should also provide training sessions staffed with independent, pedagogically competent, professional persons to demonstrate fully the functional and pedagogical capabilities of their equipment.